GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3191
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EXCAVATION OF SIRI FORT WALL
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has proposed to excavate all the buried portions of the 14th Century Siri Fort Wall in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of funds sanctioned in this regard;

(c) whether a number of Archaeological sites in various parts of the country are buried as a result of Government`s developmental activities;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the constraints being faced in this regard; and

(e) the survey / investigation carried out by ASI / other agencies in this regard and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has proposed to excavate all the buried portions of notified area of the 14th Century Siri Fort Wall in Delhi, in a phased manner. In the first phase, the excavation and conservation of the Siri Fort Wall at Panchsheel Park, New Delhi at a cost of Rs. 21.44 lakhs was taken up and has since been completed. The second phase of work on the wall between Gargi College and August Kranti Marg, taken up at a cost of Rs. 3.42 Crores, is under progress.

(c), (d) & (e) The details are given at the Annexure.